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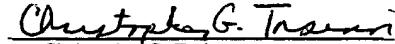
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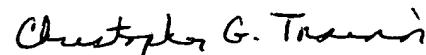

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2006, please consider the following amendment and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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